

2007 Lightning Fatalities

In 2007, there were 45 lightning fatalities, 2 less than the 2006 total of 47. The 2006 number is just above the 10-year average of 44 fatalities. For the 9th consecutive year, Florida was hardest hit with 11 fatalities. Texas numbered 6 victims. The most dangerous place by far to be was again outside in an open space, with 24 deaths (53%), followed by 8 victims sheltering under a tree (18%). In 2007, more than eight times as many males, 40 (89%), as females, 5 (11%), were killed by lightning. Tragically, young adults aged 20-29 accounted for the most losses with 16 (36%), followed by kids aged 10-19 with 7 deaths (16%).

2007 Lightning Fatalities by State and Location

State	BF	BO	CA	EQ	GF	IW	OT	OU	TE	UT	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CO (Colorado)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
FL (Florida)	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	1	11
GA (Georgia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
KS (Kansas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MD (Maryland)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ME (Maine)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MI (Michigan)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MT (Montana)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NJ (New Jersey)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
NY (New York)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PA (Pennsylvania)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SC (South Carolina)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TX (Texas)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	6
UT (Utah)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VA (Virginia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WI (Wisconsin)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2	2	3	0	1	2	3	24	0	8	45
Percent	4.44	4.44	6.67	0.00	2.22	4.44	6.67	53.33	0.00	17.78	

2007 Lightning Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	0	0	0	0.00
10 to 19	1	6	0	7	15.56
20 to 29	1	15	0	16	35.56
30 to 39	0	3	0	3	6.67
40 to 49	1	5	0	6	13.33
50 to 59	1	5	0	6	13.33
60 to 69	0	4	0	4	8.89
70 to 79	1	1	0	2	4.44
80 to 89	0	0	0	0	0.00
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	1	0	1	2.22
Total	5	40	0	45	
Percent	11.11	88.89	0.00		

Legend

BF -	Ball Field
BO -	Boating
CA -	Camping
EQ -	Heavy Equipment/Construction
GF -	Golfing
IW -	In Water
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
TE -	Telephone
UT -	Under Tree